REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to put them in more proper U.S. format and to remove the multiple dependencies in the claims. The description of the drawings has been amended to make it consistent with the drawings as filed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our deposit account 50/1039.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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